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BEFORE THE  
  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Joint Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company  
and Madison Gas and Electric Company, as Gas Public Utilities,  
for the Sale of Natural Gas Utility Assets and Transfer of  
Customers in the City of Prairie du Chien and Surrounding Areas  
in Crawford County, Wisconsin, and the Related Joint Request  
of Madison Gas and Electric Company and Wisconsin Gas Company,  
as Gas Public Utilities, for Approval of a Territorial Agreement for  
the Towns of Burke, Windsor, Bristol, and Sun Prairie, Dane County, Wisconsin.

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**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING,  
INVESTIGATION, AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

**THIS IS A PROCEEDING** to consider the September 25, 2001, joint application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO), Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE), and Wisconsin Gas Company (WGC), as a gas public utilities, for authority under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.80 and 196.81, to sell natural gas distribution facilities in Crawford County and to transfer the associated customers from WEPCO to MGE and to approve an amended territorial agreement between WGC and MGE for portions of Dane County, Wisconsin.

WEPCO, MGE and WGC are gas public utilities, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5), engaged in the distribution and sale of natural gas to the public in areas throughout Wisconsin.

WEPCO proposes to sell to MGE its natural gas distribution system in Crawford County. The distribution system being sold serves customers in the city of Prairie du Chien, the villages of Eastman and Wauzeka, and the towns of Prairie du Chien, Bridgeport, Eastman, and Wauzeka. The sale of these facilities will result in the abandonment of service by WEPCO and the transfer from WEPCO to MGE of approximately 3,011 residential, 451 commercial and 18 industrial customers. MGE will become the natural gas service provider for these customers. The proposed purchase price of the facilities is \$3,800,000.

The application also requests that the Commission approve an amended territorial agreement dated October 18, 2001, between WGC and MGE that assigns areas to be served by each utility in the towns of Bristol, Burke, Sun Prairie, and Windsor, in Dane County.

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicants. The expenses incurred or to be

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incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicants in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). No unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which suggest that significant environmental consequences are likely. Neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

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Other questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Michael John Jaeger at (608) 267-2546.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission

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